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by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section immediately preceding the last section, and by renumbering the last section accordingly:

SECTION ____ Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 11, Chapter 3, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

(a) The Department of Environment and Conservation is hereby directed to formulate a long-range plan, hereinafter referred to as a "master plan". Such master plan shall include the following:

- (1) Funding requirements for state parks;
- (2) Facilities preservation, maintenance and utilization;
- (3) Management and personnel staffing, training, compensation and professional development;
- (4) Preservation, development and expansion of existing and new park resources;
- (5) Educational programming; and
- (6) Land requisition.

(b) The master plan shall include goals and projections for state parks for the next ten (10) years and shall be updated each five (5) years by the department. The initial master plan shall be submitted for review and comment to the House Conservation and Environment committee and the Senate Environment, Conservation and Tourism committee prior to March 1, 1999 and before March 1 of each subsequent year in which there is an update or

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amendment. Prior to submitting the plan to the appropriate committees of the General Assembly, the department shall conduct public hearings after public notice has been given in accordance with Title 8, Chapter 44. Public hearings shall be conducted in each of the nine (9) development districts of the state regarding the components of the master plan, its update each five (5) years and any major interim revisions to the master plan. The plan shall also be submitted to the Tennessee Environmental Council and the Tennessee Recreation and Parks Association for review and comment prior to the plan's submission to its applicable committees. The department shall submit by March 1 of each year to the appropriate legislative committees, a report outlining any major deviations from the master plan in the previous year and the reasons therefor.

(c) The department shall not commence construction on any new capital project which costs in excess of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) in the state parks if not provided for in the master plan, until the plan has been amended as provided herein and the project has been approved by the state building commission. The construction costs for such new capital projects other than those provided for in the master plan shall not be funded until the plan is appropriately amended. Such amendment may be made after holding one public hearing in the area of the park or parks affected by the change, providing a copy of the proposed change to the non-profit organizations and the members of the

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legislative committees referred to in subsection (b) and considering all comments
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